

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

Applicant has heretofore emphasized the problem regarding tracer wires wrapping around plastic gas underground piping and in the event of lightening strike. This problem is now widely recognized by both government and industry.

Enclosed is a brochure from the website of Hit-kit, LLC which discloses a product which Applicant believes infringes the claims of this application. The provision of this product by an unauthorized competitor provides corroborating evidence both as to the gravity of the solution and the inventiveness of the product.

Respectfully submitted,

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TraceKlip™

DOT is now requiring positive separation between plastic gas pipe and metallic tracer wire.¹ Wrapping around or taping to pipe is no longer permitted but, **HIT-KIT, LLC** has the solution!!!! We are please announce our newest gas industry product, **TraceKlip™**, to solve this dilemma.

- **TraceKlip™** will reduce the risk of both lightning strike damage, and especially third party damage due to alleged or actual missed locates. This is accomplished installing **TraceKlip™** vertically on the pipe providing superior locate accuracy.
- **TraceKlip™** easily clips onto pipe during original installation or repairs, position tracer wire a minimum of 6 inches above the pipe.
- **TraceKlip™** has greater than 75% circumferential pipe fit and will not be displaced during trench installation and backfilling procedures.
- **TraceKlip™** will not break under freezing temperatures and can be installed using our unique "press-open" design, or our easy "stab-fit" during warmer periods.
- **TraceKlip™** is currently available in 1/2" CTS, 3/4" IPS and 1" IPS sizes and soon be available in sizes 2" IPS through 6" IPS.
- **TraceKlip™** is completely compatible with all plastic piping products including gas, water, wastewater, communications and can be molded in any color desired.
- **TraceKlip™** quantity order pricing is available upon request.

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